other shippers as per the current Export and Import Policy.

(c) Under the Liberalised Industrial Policy, several critical industries including iron ore based industries are being encouraged by Government.

Scheme for increase in export of goods and services

3677. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared to increase the scope of Indian goods and services in foreign countries,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) (a) to (c) Several changes in trade policy were introduced since July 1991 armed at strengthening export incentives, eliminating a substantial volume of import licensing and rationalising the import tariff structure. Rupee has been made partially convertible to encourage generation of foreign exchange. These steps have been further consolidated in the new Export Import Policy which, *inter-alia* aims to promote productivity, modernisation and competitiveness of Indan industry and thereby enhance its export capabilities.

Special import licences for import of bulk of items

3678. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated and issued guidelines for issue of special import licences in the wake of liberalisation of import of bulk of items;

(b) if so, what are the details of the new guidelines; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The detailed guidelines are being worked out and will be announced separately.

Export of diamonds and other jewellery

3679. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of diamonds and other jewellery has considerably declined during 1991-92 as compared to 1989-90;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the position of diamond and other jewellery exports during the current financial year;

(d) what is the share of Madhya Pradesh in exporting diamonds and other jewellery during the last three years; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to improve the export of diamonds and other jewellery from the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) While there is no decline in the export of diamond and jewellery during 1991-92 as compared to 1989-90 in rupee terms there is a decline in US dollar terms only in Diamonds. The details are:

Item	1989-90		1991-92	
	Rs. Cr.	US$ Mil	Rs. Cr.	US$ Mil.
Diamonds	4971.93	2986.28	6162.64	2499.85
Jewellery	296.44	178.04	766.88	311.07

(Source:GJEPC)

(Exchange Rate: US$ 1 = Rs. 16.6492 (1989-90) & Rs. 24.6520 (1991-92)